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Applicant : Manuel et al.
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CUTTING IMPLEMENT

Moline, IL 61265

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Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Second Amendment

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated 15 July 2003, Paper No. 8, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this Paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this Paper.